

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims as set forth below.

**Claims 1-17 (Cancelled).**

**Claim 18 (Currently Amended).** A surgical device for severing tissue, the surgical device comprising:

a shaft having a proximal end and a distal end;

~~a clamp having a clamping surface;~~

~~a hook member at the distal end of the shaft, the hook member being movable relative to the clamp and configured to capture a vessel between the hook member and the clamping surface; and~~

a sliding member movable with respect to the hook member from a first position to a second position where the captured vessel is situated between the hook member and the sliding member; and

~~at least one electrode for applying RF energy to cauterize the captured vessel captured between the hook member and the clamping surface.~~

**Claim 19 (Currently Amended).** The surgical device of claim 18, wherein the at least one electrode is ~~carried on the clamp~~ two electrodes separated by a dielectric.

**Claim 20 (Currently Amended).** The surgical device of claim 18, wherein the ~~clamp is at least partially slidingly disposed within the hook member~~ is at least partially slidingly disposed within the shaft.

**Claim 21 (Currently Amended).** A surgical device for severing tissue, the surgical device comprising:

a ~~clamp plunger having a clamping surface and a lumen;~~

a hook member, the hook member and the ~~clamp plunger~~ being movable relative to one another, the hook member and the clamp and configured to capture a vessel between the hook member and the ~~clamping surface plunger;~~ and

a cutting blade slidingly disposed within the ~~lumen plunger between open and closed positions, the cutting blade having a cutting edge to sever the tissue captured vessel.~~